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What was contemplated however was the training, not of students but of the maistri and coolie classes on the Experiment station. With this object in view, the Agricultural department issued a leaflet showing what special training could be given on the different Experiment stations in the Presidency, at what times of year, and during what months. The class of man it was designed to attract was the supervisor field labourer who after training might obtain employment as a maistri to a zamindar or big landholder or to an agricultural co-operative society, or who holding such employment might be desirous of improving his knowledge, if possible, at the desire of his employer. The department undertook to give special courses of practical field training to such men on the understanding that they must work in the fields with the station coolies for which they would be paid at ordinary labour rates.

This offer was widely made and was published both as a Government communiqué and as a leaflet in English and the vernacular. The response to it has however so far been very small. There are, it is understood, three men now undergoing training at the Anakapalle Experiment station.

Co-operation

Reduction of the rate of interest on the loans to land mortgage banks.

* 1728 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision in regard to the question of reducing the rate of interest on their loans to land mortgage banks and building societies?

A.—Not yet.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know whether this question was not considered in connexion with the Budget?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Not in this Budget, Sir."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know when a decision is likely to be reached?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"As early as possible."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know if the Government would like to treat these loans as capital loans?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know if they will consider the desirability of making the rule applicable to this case also, that the rate of interest shall be half per cent more than the rate at which the Government borrows money?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It is under the consideration of Government."

Industries

Detailed statement of the various industries in the Presidency.

* 1729 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the nature, the capital employed, and the present state of the various industries in this province?